

## **Medical Marijuana Program Implementation Status Update**

## **Public Hearings Complete:**

The Division of Medical Marijuana has completed six scheduled public hearings to obtain oral comments regarding the proposed administrative rules. Written comments will be accepted through December 26, 2017.

The administrative rules are a vital part of implementing an effective and well-regulated medical marijuana program. The Division values the submitted comments and will review and consider each comment individually.

After the comment period closes on December 26, Division staff will work on responding to comments received. A summary of responses will be posted on the Division of Medical Marijuana website after the required information has been submitted to the North Dakota Legislative Council.

The Division's goal is to submit necessary information to the North Dakota Legislative Council by February 1, 2018 in order to have the proposed rules considered by the legislative Administrative Rules Committee at the March 2018 meeting. If the legislative committee approves the proposed rules, the earliest they could be effective is April 1, 2018.

The Division anticipates having an open application period for manufacturing facilities shortly after the proposed rules are approved. For more information, including how to submit written comment, visit the division's website at <a href="https://www.ndhealth.gov/MM/">www.ndhealth.gov/MM/</a> or call 701.328.1311.

## **Division Website Update Notification:**

The Division is working with information technology staff to determine the most efficient way to send out notifications to alert the public of updates to the division website. Please watch for further details regarding this notification option.